

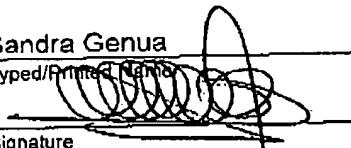
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		EXAMINER	Renner, Craig A.
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TITLE	MAGNETORESISTIVE READ HEAD HAVING A BIAS STRUCTURE WITH AT LEAST ONE DUSTING LAYER		

ATTACHED WITH THIS SUBMISSION:

1. Fax Transmittal Cover Sheet (this page)
2. Reply to Office Action mailed 10/16/2006, including
--Petition for 2-month Extension of Time (10 pages)

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 10/16/2006

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on 10/16/2006 for the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and/or remarks.

Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.